UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

DOLEATA JOHNSON, on behalf of)	
erself and all others similarly situated,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
V.)	Case No
)	
MEDICREDIT, INC.,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendant Medicredit, Inc. ("Medicredit" or "Defendant") hereby files its Notice of Removal of the above-captioned case to this Court and, and in support of removal, respectfully states as follows:

- 1. Medicredit is named as defendant in Civil Action No. 1811-CC00431 filed in the Circuit Court of St. Charles County, Missouri, styled <u>Doleata Johnson v. Medicredit, Inc.</u> (the "State Court Action").
- 2. The Petition in the State Court Action was filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Charles County on or about May 1, 2018; Medicredit was served on May 11, 2018. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), copies of all process, pleadings and orders served upon Defendant in the State Court Action are attached hereto as **Exhibit A.**
- 3. In the State Court Action, Plaintiff alleges that Defendant violated two federal statutes, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq. ("FDCPA") and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227, et seq. ("TCPA").
- 4. Any civil action is removable if the plaintiff could have originally brought the action in federal court. <u>See</u> 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).

5. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 this Court has original federal question jurisdiction over

Plaintiff's FDCPA and TCPA claims.

6. Accordingly, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a), Defendant has the right to remove

the State Court Action to this Court, without regard to the citizenship or residency of the parties

or the amount in controversy.

7. Defendant was formally served with the Summons and Petition on May 11, 2018.

This removal is therefore timely pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

8. By this Notice of Removal, Defendant does not waive any defense, jurisdictional

or otherwise, which it may possess. Defendant also does not concede that Plaintiff has stated a

claim against it.

WHEREFORE, in accordance with the authorities set forth above, Defendant hereby

removes this action from the Circuit Court of St. Charles County, Missouri, to the United States

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District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing document was filed electronically with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, this 8th day of June, 2018, with a true copy mailed, first class postage prepaid, to:

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